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To: Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals

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AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

SUBJECT: Update, 2012-11

Several policies have been modified. All revisions described are effective 10/1/2012.

AMPM Chapter 300, Policy 310-V, Prescription Medication/Pharmacy Services

Policy 310-V, Prescription Medication/Pharmacy, has been revised to include the Minimum Required Prescription Drug List (MRPDL). As described in Policy, AHCCCS has developed a list of medications that must be available to all members when medically necessary. The MRPDL is not an all-inclusive list of Medications for the AHCCCS FFS and MCO Contracted Health Plans.

AMPM Chapter 300, Policy 310-K, Hospital Inpatient Services and Exhibit 300-3D

Policy 310-K, Hospital Inpatient Services, and Exhibit 300-3D have been revised to clarify that days related to treatment for burns and burn late effects at an American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified burn center are excluded from the 25 inpatient hospital day limit.

Chapter 900, Policy 950, Credentialing and Recredentialing Processes

Policy 950, Credentialing and Recredentialing Processes, language has been added to clarify that under specific criteria, medical resident may provide low level evaluation and management services to members in designated settings without the presence of the teaching physician.